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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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Re: *Kansas City Southern - Control - The Kansas City Southern Railway
Company, Gateway Eastern Railway Company, And The Texas Mexican
Railway Company; Finance Docket No. 34342
Eighth Status Report*

Dear Secretary Williams:

Kansas City Southern ("KCS") files this Eighth Status Report in keeping with the Surface Transportation Board's ("STB's") decision served herein on August 31, 2004 ("Decision No. 11"). Decision No. 11 requires KCS to file "status reports only as to its efforts to acquire control of TFM." Attached hereto is a joint press release by KCS and Grupo TMM, S.A. ("TMM") announcing receipt of notice from the Mexican Federal Competition Commission ("MCC") that it has notified KCS that the MCC has extended KCS' authority to purchase TMM's interest in TFM, S.A. de C.V. ("TFM") for an additional 180 days. The MCC originally authorized the purchase in a ruling dated May 19, 2003, and the new ruling extends that authorization to April 5, 2005.

Sincerely,

William A. Mullins

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Mexican Competition Commission Grants KCS Extension of Ruling Authorizing KCS Purchase of Grupo TMM Interest in TFM

Kansas City, MO, October 7, 2004 - Kansas City Southern (NYSE: KSU) ("KCS") and Grupo TMM, S.A. (NYSE: TMM and BMV: TMM A) ("TMM") announced that KCS was notified by the Mexican Federal Competition Commission ("FCC") today that the FCC had extended KCS' authority to purchase TMM's interest in TFM, S.A. de C.V. ("TFM") for an additional 180 days. The FCC originally authorized the purchase in a ruling dated May 19, 2003, and the new ruling extends that authorization to April 5, 2005.

This notification follows yesterday's announcement that the Mexican Foreign Investment Commission had authorized KCS' acquisition of the controlling interest in TFM.

KCS is a transportation holding company that has railroad investments in the United States, Mexico and Panama. Its primary holding in the United States is The Kansas City Southern Railway Company. Headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, KCS serves customers in the central and south central regions of the United States. KCS' rail holdings and investments are primary components of a NAFTA Railway system that links the commercial and industrial centers of the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

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Headquartered in Mexico City, Grupo TMM is Latin America's largest multimodal transportation company. Through its branch offices and network of subsidiary companies, Grupo TMM provides a dynamic combination of ocean and land transportation services. Grupo TMM also has a significant interest in TFM, which operates Mexico's Northeast railway and carries over 40 percent of the country's rail cargo. Grupo TMM's web site address is www.grupotmm.com and TFM's web site is www.tfm.com.mx.

Included in this press release are certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Such forward-looking statements are based on the beliefs of TMM's and KCS' management as well as on assumptions made. Actual results could differ materially from those included in such forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned that all forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainty. For additional information relating to such risks and uncertainties, readers are urged to review TMM's and KCS' respective filings and submissions with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

In connection with the proposed transaction, KCS will file relevant materials with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), including an amended proxy statement soliciting stockholder approval of certain actions in connection with the transaction. Stockholders are urged to read the amended proxy statement, as well as any amendments and supplements to the proxy statement (if and when they become available) and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC, because they will contain important information about the transaction. Stockholders and investors may obtain the amended proxy statement and any other relevant documents free of charge at the SEC's Internet web site at www.sec.gov. Stockholders may also obtain free of charge the amended proxy statement and any other relevant documents by contacting the office of the Corporate Secretary at KCS's principal executive offices at (816) 983-1538. Written requests should be mailed to P.O. Box 219335, Kansas City, Missouri 64121-9335 (or if by United Parcel Service or other form of express delivery to 427 West 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64105). Such amended proxy statement is not currently available. KCS and its directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from KCS stockholders with respect to approval of certain actions in connection with the transaction. Information regarding these directors and executive officers and their beneficial ownership interests in KCS can be found in KCS's proxy statement on Schedule 14A, filed with the SEC on April 5, 2004, in connection with the 2004 annual meeting of KCS stockholders. Investors may obtain additional information regarding the interests of such participants by reading the amended proxy statement filed in connection with the transaction when it becomes available.

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